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A problem



The tech-strategy gap

Engineers and strategists operate in parallel universes, producing « blind strategy ».



The civil-military gap

Gen Z sees defence as opaque or hierarchical. Military academies remain cut off from civilian innovation flows.



The national silo problem

Despite PESCO, strategic cultures remain stubbornly national. True EU defence needs shared experiences, not just shared budgets.

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A solution



The engineer

Polytechnique Milano, TU Munich, KTH Stockholm

- ✓ Aerospace, cyber, robotics, AI
- ✓ Quantitative and systems thinking
- ✓ Delivers the technical design



The strategist

Sciences Po Paris, LSE, Hertie Berlin, law faculties

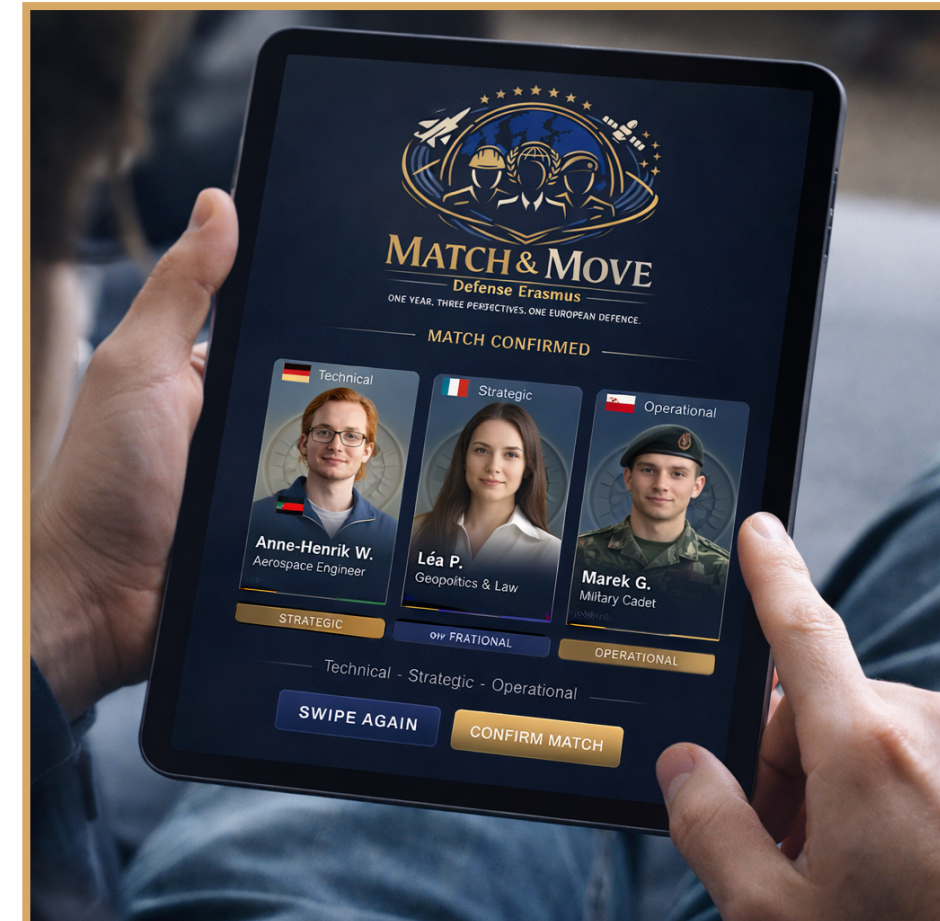
- ✓ Geopolitics, law, economics, ethics
- ✓ Policy analysis & stakeholder mapping
- ✓ Delivers legal/budgetary framework



The cadet-officer

Saint-Cyr, Bundeswehr Uni, Polish Military Academy

- ✓ Military doctrine, field command
- ✓ Operational planning and logistics
- ✓ Delivers tactical action plan



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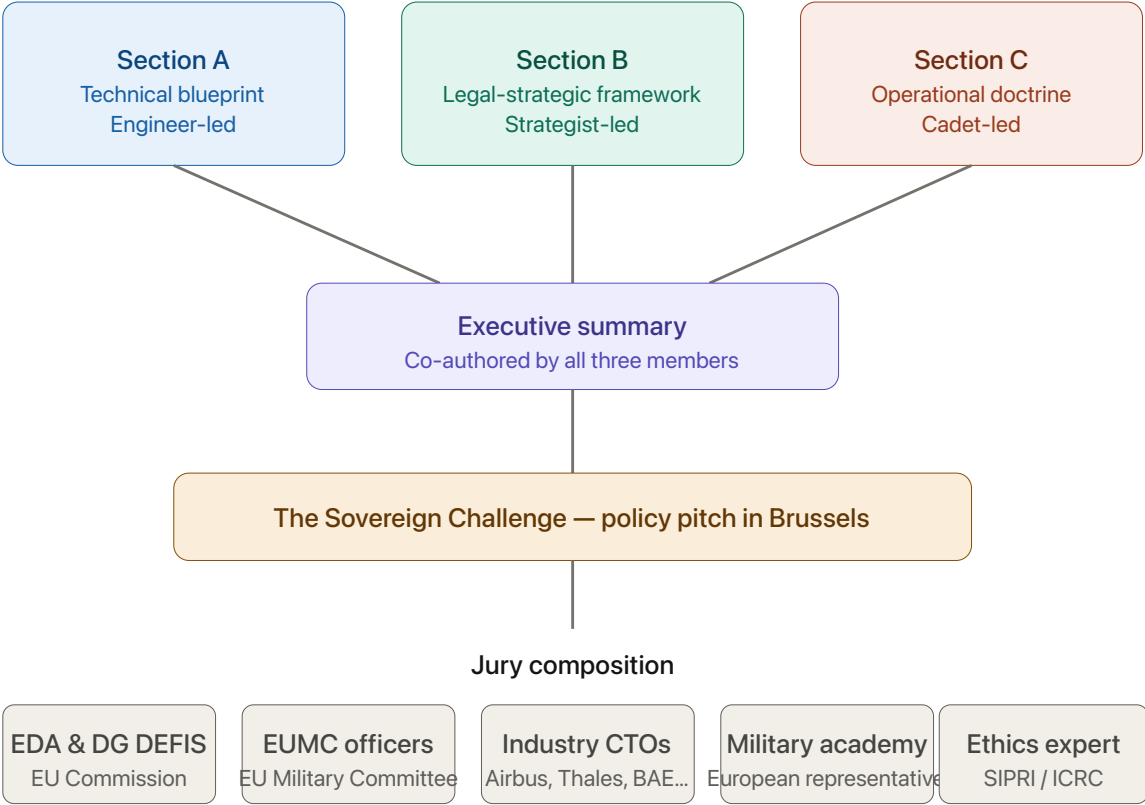
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The output



The impact

